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## OLD MISSION RESIDENT DIES

### Peter Nolan Passes Away After A Long and Useful Life.

### WAS A NATIVE OF CARLOW, IRELAND

Came to California In 1850 and Has Resided in Golden State Ever Since His Arrival Here.

Peter Nolan, an old and respected resident of Mission San Jose died at his home at that place Saturday night after a brief illness. Extreme old age was the cause of his death.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning from the Catholic church at the mission, Rev. Father Mackay conducted the services.

The pallbearers were the three grandsons of the dead man—William Peter and Matthew Whitfield— and Thomas Burns, Joseph Twohig and Charles Burns. The remains were interred at the Mission cemetery.

Peter Nolan was born in County Carrow, Ireland 84 years ago, and came to this country when but a boy of 18. His first home in the United States, was in Rhode Island. Later he moved to Chicago and after a few years residence at the Windy City, made the trip down the Mississippi River and across the Gulf of Mexico to Panama. After crossing the Isthmus he made San Francisco his destination, landing there in 1850.

Afer a short residence in San Francisco and a subsequent visit to the mines, Mr. Dolan moved to San Jose where he engaged in farming.

He [illegible] a number of years ago.

He leaves to mourn his loss, in addition to his many friends, three children, James Nolan, Mrs. E. W. Stiermetz and Mrs. I. H. Whitfield.

### FORMER NEWARK SCHOOL TEACHER WEDS

Miss Obie Smith Becomes the Bride of Alexander Griffin.

The wedding of Miss Obie Smith of Newark, for some time teacher in the Newark grammar school, to Alexander Griffin of Charleston, Indiana, took place at the home of the bride's mother in Berkeley last Thursday.

It was an exceedingly pretty wedding, the colors chosen being yellow and white. The house was decorated in Shasta daisies and coseopris. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. McAlfee of the First Presbyterian church of Berkeley and was performed under a large wedding bell formed of Shasta daisies.

About fifty guests, immediate friends of the two families, were present. The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Mrs. Fern Green of Niles, who was attired in white. A younger sister, Miss Fay Smith, was dressed in yellow.

The bride wore a lovely dress of white crepe de chine, with a bridal veil and orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of bride roses.

The best man was Dexter Farnesworth of Santa Rosa.

The twin sons of Mrs. Green, dressed in white, preceded the bride to her place for the ceremony, forming an aisle with long branches.

After the ceremony a delightful wedding supper was served. The destination of the wedding trip of the young couple has been kept secret. They will make their home in Berkeley, a bungalow being already prepard for thir occupancy on their return.

### STATE OF CALIFORNIA WANTS MORE HELP

Clerical Workers Needed to Take Care of Increased Business.

The ever-increasing business of the State and the broadening of its activities make a constant demand for competent clerical help in the various departments of the state government. To meet this demand the State Civil Service Commission is exceedingly anxious of securing at the present time substantial lists of persons of high ability, and accordingly announces the following educational examinations for the month of August, 1915.

August 14, Stenographer—Candidates who enter this examination must signify their willingness to accept appointment in Sacramento. The Civil Service Commission has not been able to supply the demand for stenographers who will work in Sacramento, although its eligible list of stenographers still has many names of persons who will work in other places.

The examination will include dictation at the following rates: 80 words only, 80 to 100 words, 110 to 125 words, and 140 to 150 words per minute. Grading will be made in accordance with the dictation taken by the candidates, but only those who are at least 21 years of age will be eligible to the highest grade.

August 14.—Office Assistant—This examination is limited to the lowest grade of clerical service and should attract grammar and high school graduates who wish to enter the clerical service of the state. Preferrd ages of candidates 16 to 30 on day of the examination. Salaries range from $25 to $50 a month.

August 21.—Telehone Oerator—The State employs telephone operators in San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles and the various state institutions at salaries ranging from $50 to $75 a month. Candidates must have had at least one year's recent experience as an operator in a large central office, or a tleast two years' recent experienc as an operator in a private branch exchange.

August 28.—General Clerk—The demand for clerks of this grade has been unusual, due to the increase of business resulting from the recent session of the legislature. Salaries range from $50 to $100 a month.

August 28.—Messenger—The demand for messengers has been such that the Civil Service Commission's eligible list, secured through an examination only last March, has become almost exhausted. The ositions afford good oportunities for experience in clerical work to boys between the ages of 16 and 21. Salaries range from $25 to $50 a month.

Further information and application branks may be secured from the State Civil Service Commission, Forum Building, Sacramento. Completed applications must be filed with the Commission at least seven days before the date of the examinations in order to be considered. The examinations will be held in Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

### IRVINGTON COUPLE ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

Guests From Oakland Came in Motor Cars and Had Good Time.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sturtevant of Irvington entertained a number of their friends on Saturday evening last at a pleasant card party. The Oakland guests came up by automobile, the warm moonlight evening making the ride delightful. Five Hundred was the chosen game. W. P. Saxe won first prize for gentlemen. Mrs. Horn for the ladies, while consolation gifts were presented to Mr. Maffey and Miss Butcher.

A delicious supper was served before the company broke up. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Peterson, Howard Peterson, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Butcher, Miss J. Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Straub, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bishop, all of Oakland, Mrs. M. R. Bishop of Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Maffey of Newark, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irvine, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cushing, Mrs. Alida Babb, Eugene Babb, Mrs. Horn, W. P. Saxe, Miss Nellie Beardsley of Irvington, Miss Alice Webster of Los Angeles.

### CENTERVILLE GARAGE INSTALLS APPARATUS

N. B. Randall Designs and Has Built a Useful Recharging Plant.

Always up-to-date, N. B. Randall, proprietor of the Centerville garage, has installed at his place of business a new apparatus for recharging batteries. The apparatus, which was designed by Mr. Randall and manufactured expressly for him by the Westinghouse Electric company, consists of a dynamo, motor, switchboard complete. The apparatus is arranged so that from 1 to 6 batteries may be recharged at a time and there is no danger of ruining the batteries.

## LIBERTY BELL PASSES BY

### Large Thong Greet Arrival of the Country's Ancient Relic Friday Night.

### TRAIN DID NOT STOP BUT MOVED SLOWLY

Although Hour Was Late Enthusiasm Was Not Abated and Large Throng Cheered as Train Passed Along.

The greater part of Niles and a large number of people from other parts of the county packed themselves about the lower part of Front street, Niles, Friday night last for the arrival of America's emblem of liberty and perpetual fount of patriotism, the Liberty Bell. It was a great outpouring of people.

Waiting patiently for the first glimpse of the famous cross-country special, people crowded along the railroad tracks. Automobiles were parked alongside the hoad.

The waiting multitude had a thrill of excitement and expectation when a headlight was seen toward the east, but it proved to be the regular rain for San Francisco.

But a few minutes later another train rounded the curve and each one told his neighbor that "The Bell" was coming. This time patriotic expectation and exuberance was not wasted. The train came slowly along the "Y",

The Liberty Bell was raised aloft on the last car. Slowly the train pulled past the crowd. As the train passed along literature concerning The Bell was thrown to the crowd and a general scramble was had for souvenirs.

Approaching the Bell in itself in importance was the presence on the special train of Governor Hiram W. Johnson, Mayor James Rolph of San Francisco and Charles W. Fay, Sacramento postmaster. John F. Davie, grand president of the Native Sons of the Golden West was also on the train.

The bell was admirably prepared for night illumination. A great reflectors was insalled above the bell and as the train moved along it was visible to all.

Liberty Bell has been placed in the Pennsylvania building at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, where it will remain until the close of the fair.

### AGED MAN FOUND HANGED TO TREE

His Ranch Partner Is Arrested on Suspicion of Murder.

HAYWARD, July 23.—M. S. Bettercourt, 67 years old, was found hanged to a tree Sunday on a ranch near here. Walter Hynes, his business partner, was arresed on suspicion of having murdered him. Physicians who performed an autopsy expressed the belief that Bettencourt had come to his death by strangulation, but that he was dead before he was suspended from the tree.

Haynes is alleged to have told the authorities that he and Bettencourt quarreled over an apricot-picking venture in which both were interested and that the old man had attacked him with a pitchfork. He said he struck Bettencourt, but denied killing him. It was said that no pitchfork was found in the vicinity of the body.

### ASSOCIATED CHAMBERS TO MEET AUGUST 4TH

Decoto to Be the Next Meeting Town for Central Body.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Washington Township wil be held in Decoto on Wednesday night, August 4. Owing to the death of Henry Lachman, former president, F. V. Jones of Niles, vice-president, will preside.

Mr. Jones is an able leader and no doubt the Associated Chambers will make as much progress in the future as it has in the past.

In speaking of the matter wtih a representative of The Press, Mr. Jones said:

"I feel that a great responsiblity has been placed upon me. Mr. Lachman was a man who was able and willing to do great things, and what he has accomplished has been of great value to the township. I will endeavor to follow in his steps to the best of my ability. I realize that the Associated Chambers must keep on progressing and not take any backward steps."

### FOUR NILES MEN RECEIVE REWARDS

Charles R. Sillers Gets $70 and Other Get $10 Each.

As a reward for catching a bank robber the California Bankers' Association of San Francisco this week paid to Charles R. Sillers, night operator for the Southern Pacific company at the Niles depot, the sum of $70; to Ernest Salter, A. V. Butler and Alfred Roderick $10 each. The rewards were paid for the capture of Zelbert Goza, a young man who attempted to rob the Niles State Bank on the afternoon of March 9th of this year, and who shot Charles Evans, cashier, in the shoulder, during the attempt.

After the shooting, Goza ran through an alley and down a back street where he was apprehended and disarmed by Sillers, who forced him into an automobile occupied by Salter, Roderick and Butler. The four then took the would-be robber to the jail where he was turned over to Constable Frank Rose.

Goza subsequently entered a plea of guilty and applied for probation, which was denied. He is now serving a sentence of six years in San Quentin.

The rweard paid the men who captured Goza is a voluntary reward paid by the California Bankers' Association for the arrest and conviction of any person robbing or attempting to rob any bank holding membership in the association.

### NILES MEN FORM HUNTING CLUB

Secure 160 Acres of Land in Tarvia Country for Preserves.

This week a arty of Nies men took up 160 acres of land in the Tarvia country, better known as the deer park country for the purposes of hunting. The party consists of J. C. Shinn, Wm. Catterlin, L. A. Vieux and Dan Greenwood. Mr. Greenwood expects to leave Monday for the place, accompanied by a man to dig a well and put up a building for the use of the men.

### NEWARK SCHOOL CONTRACT IS LET

M. H. Lewis of Centerville Bids $17,891 For Job.

M. H. Lewis of Centerville was the successful bidder for the construction of the new grammar school building to be built by the Newark school district. Mr. Lewis' estimate was $17,891. Wolfe of San Jose is the architect. The works has already been begun and will be rushed to completion. It is hoped that the building will be ready for occupancy after the Christmas holidays.

### NILES MERCHANTS TO ENLARGE THEIR STORE

Murphy & Briscoe Need More Room to Accommodate Business.

The general merchandise firm of Murphy & Briscoe, Niles has begun the construction of an addition to their store on Front street. The addition is to be a one-story frame building 55x24 feet in size and is to have a modern front.

The rapidly increasing business of the firm has made the addition necessary.

### Masons Meet Tonight.

Alameda Lodge No. 177 will hold its regular meeting at the Masonic Temple, Centerville, tonight. Work in the second degree.


For Rent—A fine three or four room aartment and bath, furnished or partly furnished; over Ellis-Pickard company's dry goods store. No children. Apply a tdry goods store.


### Moonlight Dance Tonight

Knudsen & Thorndyke s orchestra wil hold a moonlight dance and picnic at Fernbrook Park tonight.

## NILES CHAMBER MET TUESDAY

### Matter of Having Front Street Swept and Sprinkled Discussed.

### NEW AUTOMOBILE FACTORY SOUGHT

Committee Appointed to Prepare Resolutions of Sympathy and Respect on Death of Henry Lachman.

Tuesday night the Niles Chamber of Commerce held its regular semi-monthly meeting in the firehouse.

Owing to the absence of President M. B. Sneden, Horace J. Craf, vice-resident of the organization, occupied the chair.

The question of having Front street sprinkled and swept was taken up and F. V. Jones, for the highway committee, reported that the committee hda put the matter before the supervisor from this district and expeced an answer in a few days.

M. J. Silva was unanimously elected a member of the chamber.

An application was received from George B. Rose and laid over for one meeting.

President Craft brought to the notice of the body that an automobile factory was contemplating locating in Niles and thought that the Chamber of Commerce should take some action toward assisting them to locate here. After a great deal of discussion a committee consisting of F. V. Jones, C. B. Overacker and the president were appointed to visit the offices of the automobile firm in San Francisco and point out [illegible] this locality.

F. V. Jones and William T. Davis were appointed to prepare resolutions of respect and condolence on the death of Henry Lachman, late president of the Associated Chambers of Commerce.

The resolutions follows:

"Niles Chamber of Commerce at its regular meeting takes this first opportunity to voice its sorrow and sympathy at the death of Henry Lachman

Though not a member of our local body he was so alive to our work, so sympathetic with out effort that we regarded him as one of us and was always glad to welcome him at our meetings.

With all the other kindred bodies in our township, and with every effort for organized good, we have, in his death, sustained a great loss.

His genial manner, his helpful fellowship, his broad sympathy, his untiring effort and readiness to serve anywhere and everywhere, made him a valuable acquisition to this entire countryside and a delightful friend who will not soon be forgotten.

We mourn his loss; we honor his memory and we unite for the accomplishment of that fair future which he foresaw in his favored county of Alameda.

We exend our symphty to his bereaved mother, Mrs. Henrietta Lachman and sorrowing friends.

A copy of these resolutions shall be sent to Mrs. Lachman and be spread in full upon the minutes of this chamber."

### MISSION SAN JOSE PAGEANTS TO BE BIG

Will Jefferis to Have Charge of the Staging of Spectacle.

Arrangements are now well under way for the big three days' celebration at Mission San Jose on August 27, 28 and 29. The main feaure otf the celebraion is to be a spectacular pageant depicting scenes incident to the founding of the old mission by the Franciscan friars in 1797. Will Jefferis is to direct this affair. Mr. Jefferis is associated with a San Francisco motion picture concern, and the promoters of the celebration have every reason to expect that feature of the celebration to be a notable one.

A big barbecue is to take place also. This feature will be in charge of capable chefs and will also we fashioned after those held by the early Spanish settlers of California on feast occasions.

The object in holding the celebration is secure funds with which to restore the old mission. The citizens of the town are being assisted by the Native Sons of the Golden West in their laudable aim.

### FARM BUREAU TO DISCUSS ORCHARDS

Professor W. T. Horne of University of California to Talk.

At the next regular meeting of the Niles center of the Alameda County Farm Bureau to be held in Niles Wednesday, July 28th, Professor W. T. Horne of the University of California, will discuss some of the orchard troubles common in this section, especially the brown rot of apricots. This disease has caused considerable loss here this year and Professor Horne will present all the information to be had at this time on this particular pest with the idea of reducing losses in the future. Orchardists should attend the meeting prepared to ask questions about this or any other condition that is bothering them with their trees. A good discussion will be sure to brng out ponts tha would oherwise be overlooked.

Other matters of importance to be brought up will be the election of officers for the coming year, and the introduction of C. W. Rubel, who has been appointed farm adviser to succeed W. H. Nixon.

Mr. Nixon has gone to Orange county in southern California to manage a large citrus ranch.

The farm bureau is an organization of the farmers, for the farmers, and has demonstrated its usefulness in a great many ways. A good growth is anticiated the coming year.

### MISS BARNARD GREETS FRIENDS AT PARTY

Miss [illegible] Baldwin Won First Prize. Follows Games.

Miss Ma[illegible] of Niles tained a nu[illegible] her friends at a whist arty Friday night last. Miss Harriet Baldwin scored the highest and Miss Marion Whitfield carried of the "booby" prize.

After cards, dancing was indulged in and ices and punches were served.

Those present were: the Misses Harriet Baldwin, Barbara Smith, Robertta Ball, Marion Whitfield, Mary Barnard and Edna Tyson and Messrs. Daniel Baldwin, Bruce Baldwin, Marston Dassel, Ben Murphy, Melvin Duffey and Albert Juhl.

### 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE COMPLETES IT WORK

Full Accunting of Receipts and Expenditures to be Published.

Yesterday afternoon the Exective Committee of the recent Fourth of July Celebration met and ordered paid a number of outstanding bills. The work of the committee is practically completed.

A full statement of all receipts and expenditures will be published in the columns of The Press next week.

### UNITED STATES SAYS HELLEBORE KILLS FLIES

Deparment of Agriculture Investigates Means of Destroying Pests.

A safe and effective weapon against the typhoid or house fly has been found in powdered hellebore by scientists of the department of agriculture. Flies lay their eggs chiefly in stable manure. Powdered hellebore mixed with water and springled over the manure will destroy the larvae which are hatched from the eggs. Since powdered hellebore is readily obtainable this puts in the hands of everyone a remedy for one of the pests that has been found dangerous as well as troublesome. Powdered hellebore, however, will not kill adult flies, which must be swatted or trapped.

The fly is not only a nuisance to human beings and livestock; it spreads disease and filth and is a menace to public health which cannot be tolerated in the face of a demonstrated remedy. Details of the experiments with other information on the subject are contained in a professional paper, bulletin 245 of the United States department of agriculture.

Reward offered for $100 lost between Sneden's Drug Sore and saloon of J. A. Silva on July 4.

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## Go to See Liberty Bell

GO TO SEE the Liberty Bell! It is a poor little old bell, but it is hallowed by sacred memories, and so sanctified that the sight of it ought to make any American heart throb faster.

It is the bell that sure enough rang out the old, rang in the new.

It heralded a world's transformation, it sounded a call for the poor and the oppressed to advance into the light of liberty and at last stand erect in the dawn of a new day. Before it sounded its call, man was everything, men nothing. Its ringing changed the measure and gave notice that a new ledger had been opened in which all men should have their accounts exactly kept, and full credit should be given to real worth though clothed in rags and robes of purple would weigh nothing save they were worn by real men. It rang out in the darkness, but at its sound superstition, tyranny, oppression and injustice spread their black wings and fled away and a celestial light filled the world. Go to see it. It was a herald of Freedom. Its ringing was an angel song of hope to mankind. Go to see it.

## Health Hints Boiled Down

THE friends of tuberculosis are dampness, darkness, closed windows, crowded sleeping rooms, living rooms and work rooms dust, overwork and intemperance.

Steady drinking of alcohol injures the body, whether we go to excess or not.

Knowing the nature of disease-producing organisms, it stands to reason that no single remedy is good for a dozen different ailments. Look at the labels on your patent medicine bottles.

You cannot well overwork the toothbrush, but you can overwork the frying-pan.

The world's greates[illegible]emies of health and happiness are flies [illegible] can be [illegible]

No screened [illegible] unprotected standing water, whether pure or vile, no mosquitoes, no malaria.

In our anxiety to swat the fly, let us not forget to swat the manure pile whence it comes.

Clean stables, clean stable yards, corrals, no open manure piles, no moist garbage or other exposed waste—no flies.

A community which frees itself of flies and mosquitoes is pretty well cleaned up.

Let us have an annual organized "clean-up" campaign for every community, large and small, for the sake of looks and for the sake of health.

## There Is A Difference

THE USE of "pacificist" and peace-at-any-price man as interchangeable terms is a mistake. There is a distinct difference between the two. The peace-at-any-price man is, usually, one out of agreement with the objects of a war or the policy of the government conducting it. A pacificist opposes war in toto as a method of settling disputes. The Tories opposed our revolution; the Hartford federals opposed our war of 1812; the majority of Whigs like Lincoln, opposed our Mexican war; the majority of the peace Democrats, like Seymour, Vallandingham et al., opposed the war for the Union because they sympathized with seccession.

The pacificist belongs to the Quaker school which opposes all war and holds that righteousness must triumph through non-resistance. Non-resistance overthrew pagan Rome and established the Christian system. It is at least due these theorists to say that their theory has never had a fair trial since primitive Christianity gave way to churchanity.

Charles G. Johnson, state sealer of weights and measures, lately inspected two carloads of milk bottles and, finding them all "short measure," ordered hem sent back to the eastern manufacturers. Milk dealers in San Francisco and Alameda county have promised Johnson they will not accept "short measure" bottles hereafter, and California manufacturers have promised not to turn out such battles. More than 160,000 bottles have been condemned in Los Angeles and 40,000 in San Diego. Johnson says milk dealers have promised co-operation in destroying "short-measure" bottles now in use.

In order to prevent blindness among children, the birth certificate blanks being distributed by the California State Board of Health require persons in attendance at the birth of a child to report immediately, in accordance with law, any condition of eye trouble in infants that develops within two weeks after the birth. Local health officers are required to investigate each case so reported.

THE BAD CHECK MAN who asked the Fresno chief of police to identify him at the bank is mean enough to contribute to the delinquency of a minor.

Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war, which may be why so many people don't marry.

The law of gravitation has nothing to do with keeping some men on the downward path.

## RUNCKEL EXPLAINS UTILITIES DISTRICT

Answers Articles Appearing in the Township Register.

By CHRIS RUNCKEL.

As usual in writing about the water question, the editor of the Register is absolutely off. The movement now on in Oakland for the formation of a Public Utility District is not designed to take over the Peojle's Water Company. The present law, which by the way, is a good law, simply paves the way for public ownership of a water supply. The question of a water supply cannot be considered by the voters until after the district is formed. Even then the acquisition of a water supply cannot be undertaken except by a two-thirds vote of the electors. It might be well to state that the committee advocating the formation of a public utility district is itself divided as the question of a future water supply for the East Bay cities. Some favor the Hetch Hetchy source, some the McCloud source, some one source and some another. They are all agreed however, that if the question is to be handled in the interests of the public, a public utility district must first be formed. After that it is up to the voters to decide. They can buy the People's Water Co., or any part of it, or they can go elsewhere. With a two-thirds vote required it is safe to assume that no job will be put over on them.

While I realize that Mr. Jefferis is willing to seize any chance to discredit me personally and because of that fact I could afford to ignore his foolish arguments, still in order to prevent any possible misconstruction I want it known that every member of the Public Utility committee knows that the Alameda County Water District intends to bring suit to prevent any increased draft from the gravel beds of this township by the Peoples' Water Company. This was stated to the committee by me before I agreed to serve on it. Personally I believe it would be a big blunder for the East Bay cities to invest over twenty million dollars in the People's Wated Company properties, and it would take more tha time sum to buy them and build the San Pablo and San Leandro and Pinole reservoirs. I might add for Mr. Jefferis' benefit that I have publicly told this to several meetings in Oakland which I have been invited to address.

It was through the efforts of the Public Utilities league that Alvarado was saved from being grabbed by Oakland a year ago. The present movement is a square proposition to create a public utility district in order that the water question on this side of the bay can bg solved independently of either the Spring Valley Water Company or the People's Water Company or any other company.

I am very glad to know that Mr. Jefferis has obtained a copy of the files of The Press for the past two years. If he will read its articles diligently I have hopes that I may yet convert his little Spring Valley soul.

## PROCEEDINGS IN JUDGE MATTOS' COURT

Four Speeders Compell to Contribute $25 Each for Aid of County.

CENTERVILLE, July 23.—In the court of Justice of the Peace Jno. G. Mattos, Jr., here, W. Miller, C. Koerner, W. Kinard and E. Wheadon were finer $25 each for exceeding the speed limit of 30 miles an hour.

J. C. French demanded a trial and his case was set for next Thursday.

In the suit of Luiz vs. Maderos, judgment was given for plaintiff for $100 and costs.

## SAYS MOTORISTS AVOID PAYING LICENSES

Use "License Applied For" Signs to Defraud Treasury.

The State Motor Vehicle Department now is considering what action it will take to put a stop to the evasion of payment of the license tax by the use of the pasteboard signs known as "license applied for" signs, which are supposed to be used olny during the short time intervening between the time of the application of the number plate and its delivery.

There is no warrant in the state law for the use of the signs in place of numbered plates. They are permitted as a privilege so as not to inconvenience persons to purchase machines and desire to use them immediately. The practice is also allowed for the purpose of assisting dealers in the prevention of delays in the delivery of autos.

Under the system, as it is intended to be worked, the card is issued by the dealer who sells an auto when the purchaser of the car pays to him the amount of the auto license. The dealer then sends in the application to the state department.

During a recent trip Steve Neal, State Auto Inspector, discovered many signs were being used. He found several cases where the owners of cars had from half a dozen to a dozen cards under the cushions, and had been hanging up a new pasteboard when the old one wore out.

If the abuse of the privilege shows no abatement by the eighth of next month it is probable an order will be issued for their discontinuance. If this is done no person will be allowed to run his new car or second-hand machine out of the garage where he purchased it until he has secured the state license and attach a number plate or, at least shows a receipt for the license. The abuse of the license method of the auto-law breakers, ac applied for" sign is the most common cording to French. The state is losing much money through the operations of the law evaders and the department is determined to stamp out the abuse.

## NILES SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY, AUGUST 23.

Manual Training and Domestic Science to Be Taught.

After a vacation of ten weeks the Niles Grammar School will re-oen for the fall term on August 23. Three new teachers will be in charge of classes this year—Misses Barbara and Estelle Smith and Miss Evelyn Garcia. C. R. Voorheis, rincipal, will remain in charge.

During the summer vacation the absement of the school house has undergone a great deal of improvement. A manual training and domestic science department has been added.

More than $350 have been spent on the manual training department; the benches, tools and other equipment being the very best obtainable. A smaller sum has been expended for sewing machines for the domestic science class.

This coming year it is the intention of the board of trustees to limit the two new courses to the seventh and eighth grades, and probably next year the sixth grade will be given an opportunity to take those subjects.

The board of trustees is composed of Mrs. C. B. Overacker, Dr. C. L. McKown and Andrew Kell.

### O. E. S. To Meet.

The regular meeting of Orient Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, No. 177, will be hel dat the Masonic Temple at Centerville next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ...

In the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, State of California.

No. 20,249.

In the matter of the estate of Manuel B. Pacheco, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of said deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, and claims for funeral expenses and expenses of the last sickness of said deceased to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at the law office of Jno. G. Mattos, Jr., in Centerville, County of Alameda, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Manuel B. Pacheco, deceased.

FRANK PACHECO, JR.,
Administrator of the Estate of Manuel B. Pacheco, deceased.

JNO. G. MATTOS JR.,
Attorney for Administrator, Centerville, Cal.

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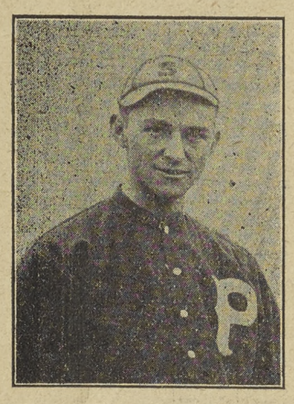
# BASE BALL

By EDWARD W. FRIES, Sporting Editor



E. W. FRIES, Sporting Editor

After a long journey to Petaluma last Sunday the Niles-Essanay Indians put up a stiff battle with one of the best ball clubs they have ever tackled, but came out on the short end of a 6 to 1 score. The game itself was far more interesting than one would think from the score, and the large crowd on hand cheered the many good plays throughout the entire game.

Benham, for Petaluma, outpitched Sheehan, striking out 10 men and allowing but five scattered hits as to four strikeouts by Sheehan, who allowed 11 hits However, Sheehan pitched a far better game than ane would be able to gather from the box score, for in only one inning—the second) when the Petaluma boys, through several infield hits and four errors gathered five runs. In this inning the Niles infield went to pieces or Sheehan would have gotten out without serious trouble. There was only one ball hit out of the infield in this inning—a single to left by Brown, the first batter up, which Dolan let go between his legs, Brown going to second. Following this hit came several infield hits of the scratch variety and a base on balls and the above-mentioned errors, combined with several poor decisions by the umpire and the damage was done.

Outside o fthis one bad inning the game was fast and interesting, although there was little doubt as to the outcome of the game, as Benham had the Indians eating out of his hand. Several times when the Essanay club threatened, the ex-San Francisco southpaw would cut loose with some real pitching to score and the side would be quickly retired.

Niles' only run came in the eighth when Fries poled out a double, his third hit of the game. Niles lost a good chance to score in the seventh, when after Robinson had been disposed of, Wales beat out an infield hit and stole second. Perry popped up to first, but Dolan was walked With two men on bases, Breslauer came to bat and had three balls and no strikes on him, when Wales went to sleep on second and was nipped off that bak by Benham, retiring the side. This was the only opportunity Niles had of crossing the pan outside of the eighth. Petaluma scored their sixth and last run in the eighth on doubles by Ryan and Cross.

The Petaluma management and the fans of the Chicken town treated the visitors in a very courteous manner and are anxious to retaupofrxtplhedtGl and the ball players from Niles are anxious to return to that city again in the near future.

Nies-Essanay Indians.

| | AB. | R | H. | PO. | A. | E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Esola, ss. | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Fries, cf. | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Cohn, 3b. | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Robinson, lb. | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Wales, rf. | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Perry, 2b. | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dolan, lf. | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Breslauer, c. | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| Sheehan, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

Petaluma.

| | AB. | R. | H. | PO. | A. | E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Andrada, lf. | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| O'Hara, rf. | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kennedy, 2b. | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Brown, cf. | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Hollis, 3b. | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ryan, 1b. | 4 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 1 | 0 |
| Croll, ss. | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Lasetter, c. | 4 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 1 |
| Benham, p. | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals | 36 | 6 | 11 | 27 | 11 | 1 |

Summary.

Stolen Bases—Wales.

Two-Base Hits—Ryan (2), Fries, Croll.

Base On Balls—Off Sheehan, 2; off Benham, 4.

Struck Out—By Sheehan, 4; by Benham, 10.

Double Plays—Dolan to Esola; Ryan to Croll to Ryan.

Passed Ball—Lasetter.

Time—One Hour, 40 minutes.

Umpire—Hayes.

Scorer—Moger.

## INDIANS TO PLAY IDLEWILDS ON SUNDAY

The Newark Idlewilds will oppose the local Essanay Indians in Niles at Sullivan's Park tomorrow. Niles has defeated this team on two different occasions this season and fell victims at their hands once. In an effort to get on even terms the Newark management will present its strongest line-up in the field. Ballinger, who formerly pitched for Victoria in the Northwestern League, will be on the firing line for the Idlewilds Sheehan will oppose him and a pitchers' battle is looked for. The Newark Club is mostly composed of local players who have been putting up a great fight and the interest among the fans of Washington township is high. A great crowd is looked for to root for their favorites. Garrett Norris will umpire, and play will be called promptly at 3 o'clock.

Garrett Norris Will Umire the Game.

### Pertinent Paragraphs on Game

Wales made a couple of nice running catches in right field for the Essanay Indians, as did Brown in center for Petaluma.

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The game was fast and interesting throughout, and the large crowd cheered each good lay.

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Esola ket the crowd in an uproar with his comical antics on the coaching line.

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Perry played his usual steady game at second and incidentally secured one of th efive hits made off Benham's delivery.

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Petaluma has a mighty good ball club and will be a tough proposition for any club around this part of the country to down.

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Niles plays the Newark Idlewilds next Sunday at Niles. Sheehan will oppose Ballenger.

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The Niles-Essanay Indians were treated loyally by the Petaluma fans adn management and hope to have an opportunity to return to that city in the near future.

### Notes From Niles Indians.

Niles took their first long journey of the season when they played at Petaluma Sunday.

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Benhan twirled in big league style, striking out ten of the movie boys. He had lots of smoke and a good curve.

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Sheehan, for Niles, also itched a fairly good game, but was unfortunate in the second inning when a series of errors and infield scratch hits caused his downfall.

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Ryan, Petaluma's first sacker, who was with the Victoria club of the Northwestern league last season, hit the ball hard last Sunday, driving out two doubles and a single in four attempts

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Fries also had on his batting clothes, getting a double and two singles.

## WHO WILL WIN THE COAST PENNANT

Now that big Jack Ness has finally been stopped in his mad rush in establishing a new world's record for consecutive hitting the fans will probably drift back to their favorite clubs and attempt to sum up their respective possibilities of winning the 1915 pennant.

At the present time San Francisco looms out as a favorite in the betting although a little slump by them or a spurt by any of the other clubs would place the Seals in considerable danger.

The Los Angeles club is a dangerl ous contender and barring accidents should give 'Frisco a season long battle for first place. While the accident to McMullen will no doubt hurt the Angels at this stage of the race, still they should be able to keep in the running with the pitchers going good.

Portland will have to bolster up in the pitching department, and every one knows that McCredie comes in strong during the latter part of the season, so it would not surprise us if the "Old Fox" would pull something in the way of a couple of new heavers that will put the Beavers in the first division. About four weeks ago the Northern City boys were enjoying a great spurt and seemed to be on their way to the front, but it resulted in nothing but a flash and the pitchers seemed to be experiencing considerable difficulty in checking the opposing batsmen.

The Salt Lake club also looks good for with Schmutz and Brief they present a considerably strengthened line-up and should bear watching. Schmutz should win a goodly number of games in the Coast League and Brief, with his ability to bat, should cause no little amount of worry to the opposing heavers.

Oakland also has a good ball club and now that their pitchers seem to be in good form ught to win regularly. If the pitchers can hold up their end of the burden Johnson and Ness will be able to keep them in the running. Vernon, while in last place at the present time, is only one game behind Portland and will give the other clubs an awful fight to get out of the cellar.

Taking all in all the Coast League contains six clubs who seem to be more evenly balanced than in most leagues and the team that gets the breaks will win out.

For the latest and most authorative sporting news, read The Press.

# Trade-at-Home Series

By DAVID POWELL.

In a small city of southern Indiana the incoming flood of caatalogues and the outgoing flood of money orders had reached such proportions that the merchants became convinced that their commercial death was fast approaching; they saw their city dwindling in population and degenerating in appearance; and they felt that the spirit of local pride was broken and that the vital bonds of community welfare were being slowly dissolved.

### A "LIVE WIRE" STARTS SOMETHING.

Very fortunately, however, for the future welfare of that little town, it contained one man who still retained a sark of hope in his heart. He organized the business interests of the city into a Community Welfare Club for the purpose of fanning the dying embers of home patriotism into a living flame. The club was out for everything that promised to help the community, but they could think of nothing that would help so much, as for the old town to get back some of the business it had lost to the mail-order houses.

After thoroughly canvassing the situation they became convinced that, as a matter of dollars and cents, the mail order houses could not supply the community with its necessities and luxuries more cheaply in the long run than could their local merchants. Consequently they determined to place the matter in the hands of a specialist, a man who could analyze a price and clearly demonstrate the true value upon which it was based; a man who could meet the consumer on his own ground and shoot facts at him straight from the shoulder without giving offense.

### BASIC PRINCIPLES LITTLE UNDERSTOOD.

The man selected for this work had for many years been a factory cost expert, and after giving the matter a great deal of thoughtful consideration, he concluded that the most effective way to convince the consumer of the wisdom of atronizing home merchants would be to put before them in a plain and convincing manner the basic and generally little understood principles of merchandising, the object in view being to make clear the fact that it costs approximately the same to market an article by any of the different methods of modern merchandising—whether from the shelves of the home merchant or from the highly centraliged catalogue houses of the large cities.

### BIG CONCERNS HAVE BUT LITTLE BUYING ADVANTAGE.

In roving the fact that the large catalogue concerns have but little advantage over other merchants in buying their goods he says: "The modern factory, manufacturing staple products enjoys keener competition, if possible, than any other line of business. It must sell its products to the retailer at a price that will return the smallest profit possible that will permit a reasonable return on the money investment. Should a factory put a price on its product that would return to its stockholders more than a fair rate of interest either its competitor would undersell it, or new capital, of which there is always an abundance seeking investment, would enter the field and eventually bring the price of the article down to the point that would return to the stockholders a rate of interest satisfactory to investors in such securities. In dwelling on this, the urpose is to show that under the present industrial conditions the selling price of a manufactured article is determined solely by its cost of production.

### COMPETITION GIVES RETAILER LOWEST PRICE.

"Every modern factory now has a cost system which shows to the fraction of a cent the cost of their product when it leaves the shipping room. It must be sold at a certain figure to pay no more per case to manufacture the ten cases for little John Smith than it does per case the thousand for the larger buyer, and if both offer the same terms of payment they will be charged approximately the same price. The little John Smiths scattered oved the country are the takers of the bulk of the manufactured products of the country and they are the ones the manufacturer has in mind when he puts the lowest possible price on his product. If, in quoting John Smith his regular price—a price kept down by keen competition, he is making only a minimum profit, how can he by any possibility quote a lower one without seriously affecting his dividends? You know dividends are what factories are run to make.

### "FACTORY TO CONSUMER" ARGUMENT PLAIN "BUNK."

"Many catalogue houses lay great stress on their ability to sell an article at a low rice because they "own their own factory." Is there any good reason to believe that their factory can manufacture an article cheaper than any other factory simply because they own it? Catalogue houses owing factories, and factories using the tempting phrase, 'we sell to the consumer,' in reality have but little advantage over the independent retailer in so far as price is concerned, because their product, when it leaves the manufacturing department, must be charged to the selling department at exactly the same price it would be charged to an independent retailer, were they themselves not in the retail business. So you see that the great stress laid on the factory-owning feature by the larger catalogue houses is ure, plain, unadulterated buncombe with a capital B.

### JOB LOTS OF OUT-OF-STYLE. STUFF SOLD CHEAP.

In explaining how such houses are able to occasionally quote low prices on standard goods of well known makes he has to say: "Catalogue houses as well as other merchants, often have the opportunity to purchase at reduced prices, what is known to the trade as 'job lots.' A factory may discontinue the manufacture of a certain style, and having a large stock of that particular pattern on hand, will offer the entire lot at cost, or even less. While, of course, such merchandise is of standard quality, it naturally must have lost its deirability in the eyes of the chitical consumer, otherwise there would be no reason for discontinuing the manufacture of it.

### CONSUMER SHOWN TO BE LOSING MONEY.

In addition to gathering the data contained in the literature and circulating it, this man also went out amongst the farmers as a "home trade' missionary. Though he was strong for home sentiment he always went straight to the oint of the farmer's pocketbook, and stood ready to show the customer of the mail-order house that, month in and month out, he was actually losing money by not trading with the home merchants.

In his figures he left nothing out of his calculations—not a postage stamp or an express toll escaped his eye. He was up on brands and qualities of merchandise. He took samples of foodstuffs from the local store and made side-by-side comparisons of them in the farm kitchen with the foods bought from the mail-order concern. told, and during that time he put the

He kept pounding away on these lines for a little over a year, I was mail-order catalogue out of over a hundred homes.

Since then—1910 it was—the mail order trade in that community has been steadily declining, business and residence property has been slowly advancing in price; and the growing younk folks of the town are not so eager as before to answer the mystic call of the enchanted "over there."


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### NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that Monday, the 26th day of July, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors, in the annex to the Hall of Records, in the City of Oakland, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of J. .GRose and Son to obtain a renewal of a liquor license for the sale of liquor at Alvarado in Alvarado Election Precinct.

GEO. E. GROSS,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
Dated Oakland, Cal., July 1, 1915.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, State of California.
No. 20250.

In the Matter of the Estate of Maria Pacheco, who was also known as Maria Custodio, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of Maria Pacheco, who was also known as Maria Custodio, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, and claims for funeral expenses and expenses of the last sickness of said deceased to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at the law office of Jno. G. Mattos Jr., in Centerville, County of Alameda, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Maria Pacheco, who was also known as Maria Custodio, deceased.

FRANK PACHECO JR.
Administrator with the will annexed of the Estate of Maria Pacheco, who was also known as Maria Custodio, deceased.

JNO. G. MATTOS JR.,
Attorney for Administrator, Centerville, Cal.
Dated, July 7, 1915.
First Publication, July 10, 1915.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Carl L. J. Boysen, also known as Carl L. Boysen, and as Carl Boysen, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Dorothea C. Boysen, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Carl L. J. Boysen, also known as Carl L. Boysen, and as Carl Boysen, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said executrix at the office of Thomas C. Huxley, 1101 Union Savings Bank Building, Northeast corner of Broadway and Thirteenth streets, in the City of Oakland, Alameda County, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Carl L. J. Boysen, also known as Carl L. Boysen and as Carl Boysen, deceased.

DOROTHEA C. BOYSEN,
Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Carl L. J. Boysen, also known as Carl L. Boysen and as Carl Boysen, deceased.
Dated, Oakland, June 30, 1915.
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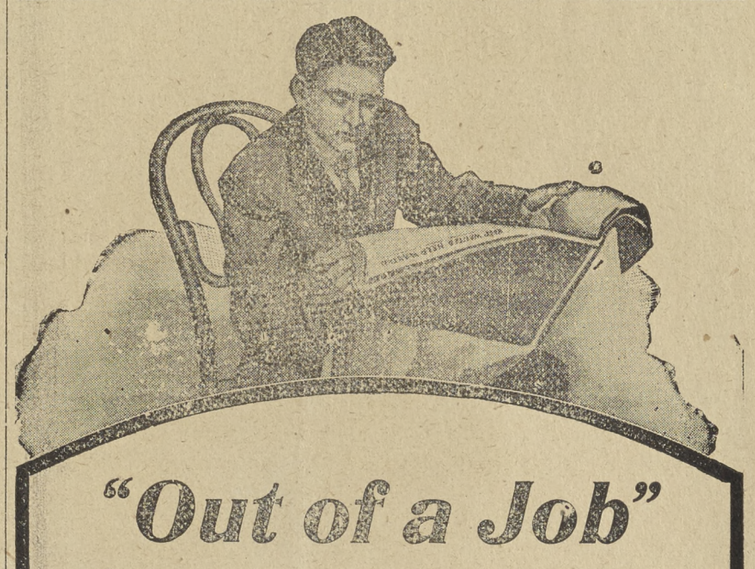

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## Niles

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Cook and daughter Betty of Oakland are at Belvoir for a month's stay.

Miss Edna Sharpe is in Oakland for the most of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. DeVer McLarars of Oakland came up for the week-end at the Belvoir.

Miss DeCora and Mrs. Abernathy are in Ben Lomond enjoying a delightful rest in that attractive mountain region.

Messrs. Frank and Charles Richardson of San Francisco, with their Eastern guests, Mrs. Zeater and two daughters, came up for over the week-end at Belvoir.

W. H. Tyson and family are at home again, after a delightful automobile trip through Napa and Lake counties.

Miss Florence Sharpe was a guest of Miss Helen Cutting at a dinner party in Hayward Wednesday.

Deaconess Alice Webster of Los Angeles, who is spending the summer with Mrs. Leslie Sturtevant, is in San Francisco for a week attending the exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tilden of Wilmington, Indiana are visiting here with relatives, the Thane and Tilden families. Frank Tilden is a Greek professor in the Wilmington University.

Mr. Hyde and J. Fallon of the Associated Oil company, are making their home with Mrs. George Moore.

Mrs. Elvin Meyer has been a visitor in San Francisco this week.

Miss Grace Beck of San Francisco is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. B. Tyson for a couple of meeks.

The Misses Gladys Zwisler and Dorothy Tyson returned last week from a very enjoyable visit in Placerville. Miss Tyson spent some time at the Zwisler home in Pleasanton before coming on to Niles.

Miss Claire Matheson, of Rust, Contra Costa county, is visiting this week at the home of Mrs. E. B. Tyson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stanley of Oakland motored up on Sunday to spend the day with Mrs. Fern Green.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith of Berkeley spent the week end with their sister Mrs. H. B. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martenstein and Mr. and Mrs. George Donovan went to San Jose together to spend Wednesday.

Mrs. Fern Green was in Berkeley during the week.

Miss Helen Baldwin entertained her friend and school companion, Miss Robertta Henry las week. The two young ladies attended the exposition.

Miss Louise Fraser of Oakland is passing her vacation in Niles.

The Rev. Edson D. Hale of Martinez, former pastor of the Niles Congregational church, was a visitor in Niles last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cheney, Mrs. Charles Palmer, Mrs. P. Slate and Miss Anna McNeil, all of Berkeley, were present at the funeral of Mrs. Lucy Shinn last week.

Mrs. S. M. Tuscon of Franklin, Ariz., Miss Ruth Mays and Miss Rebecca Switzer of Texas, Mrs. E. E. Wade of San Francisco and Mrs. F. H. Maar were also present at the funeral of Mrs. Shinn.

Miss Eleanor Evans of Niles is visiting this week with the Harriman family at Los Gatos.

Mrs. Wellington Gregg, Sr., of San Francisco, is spending the week at Belvoir.

Harrison Snyder has been in Los Angeles for the past two weeks, attending to business and expects to remain some time longer.

Mrs. Oakeshott entertained a number of her friends Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Theo Zehndner has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Briscoe, of Chico, who has taken apartments in Oakland for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Riddell and two daughters of Chicago and Mrs. A. V. Ledyard of Sunol visited at the home of their brother, P. A. Ellis in Niles on Wednesday of last week. The occasion for the visit was the 31st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, as well as Mr. Ellis' bithday.

## CENTERVILLE NOTES.

Mrs. Rita Oliveira was taken to St. Anthony's hospital in Oakland Monday afternoon last. She was suffering from neuralgia.

Miss Gertrude Freeman of Oakland is a visitor with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Swain.

Mrs. C. H. Allen, Mrs. A. T. Ames, Mrs. C L. Emerson and Mrs. F. O. Bunting entertained at the Country Club rooms today.

A large delegation of Centerville's patriotic citizens gathered at the station of the Southern Pacific company to greet Liberty Bell Friday night. The Centerville Band was out for the occasion and the music furnished a pleasant diversion during the evening.

Spenser Lewis has been taking the place of Mr. Piexotto on the wagon of J. A. Coney. Mr. Piexotto has been confined to his home by lumbago.

William Lawlor, Edward Hawley, Matt Tells and Andy Gronley spent Saturday night and Sunday at Almaden.

## HORSE ELECTROCUTED WHEN IT BIT WIRE

### Valuable Animal Came to Death in a Peculiar Manner.

CENTERVILLE, July 23.—Friday night of last week a valuable horse belonging to C. Noll of Irvington was electrocuted in a peculiar manner. The animal had been driven to this place by the Misses Noll early in the evening and was tied in front of the Gregory House, while the ladies alighted from the buggy to see Liberty Bell pass through town.

Reaching up to secure a piece of a leaf from one of the trees near, the animal seized a bit of the electric wire in his mouth which caused his death. The wire had been strung around the hotel for the purpose of carrying power for illumination, and only carried 220 volts.

The horse was valued at $150.

## ADMISSION DAY TO BE BIG EVENT THIS YEAR

### Native Sons and Daughters and California Pioneers to Celebrate.

The anniversary celebration of the admission of California into the Union is to be, this year, by three organizations in San Francisco under the auspices of a joint committee, namely, the Native Sons of the Golden West, the Native Daughters of the Golden West and the Society of Canfornia Pioneers. From the plans that have been adopted by the committee, the indications are that the observance of the day will be the most extensive and elaborate that has ever been arranged for.

The tentative program as outlined, includes a grand parade through the streets of San Francisco to the Exposion Grounds. Many parlors of the Sons and Daughters will make special displays and representatives of the three organizations, the Sons, Daughters and Pioneers and patriotic music, vocal and instrumental.

The officers of the Exposition anticipate that Admission Day will be one of the great days at tne Fair.

Work and boost for the Mission San Jose restoration celebration next month.

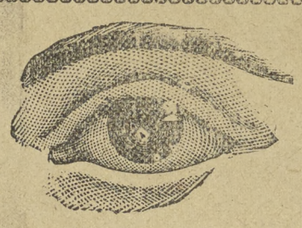
## S. P. TIME TABLE

ARRIVES FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

No. 210—For Tracey, Stockton and Sacramento.....2:36 a. m
No. 500—For Centerville, Newark and San Jose.....4:45 a. m.
No. 90—For San Jose and Way Stations, via Irvington.....8:15 a. m.
No. 82—For Pleasanton and Livermore and Tracey.....8:40 a. m.
No. 32—For Pleasanton, Livermore and Tracey.....10:25 a. m.
No. 504—For Centerville, Newark and San Jose.....2:36 p. m.
No. 90—For San Jose and Way Stations, via Irvington.....2:43 p. m.
No. 38—For Pleasanton, Livermore, Tracey and Stockton.....5:15 p. m.
No. 96—For San Jose and Way Stations, via Irvington.....6:05 p. m.
No. 80—For Tracey and Stockton.....6:12 p. m.
No. 182—For Tracey.....6:49 p. m.
No. 98—For San Jose and Way Stations, via Irvington.....7:58 p. m.
No. 184—For Stockton ( Sundayonly).....9:09 p. m

ARRIVES IN NILES FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

No. 89—San Francisco and Way Stations.....5:45 a. m.
No. 93—San Francisco and Way Stations.....6:58 a. m.
No. 91—San Francisco and Way Stations.....7:48 a. m.
No. 79—For San Francisco. Stops at First and Broadway only....8:51 a. m.
No. 181—Decoto, Hayward, San Leandro, Oakland, San Francisco.1:30 p. m.
No. 31—San Francisco and Way Stations.....2:50 p. m.
No. 97—San Francisco and Way Stations.....4:23 p. m.
No. 37—Fruitvale, Aakland and San Francisco.....6:15 p. m.
No. 51—Fruitvale, Oakland and San Francisco.....8:49 p. m.
No. 183—From San Jose to Niles.....6:05 p. m.
No. 190—From Niles to Livermore.....6:17 p. m.
No. 513—From Niles to Centerville and Newark.....6:32 a. m.
No. 503—From Niles to Redwood, via Dumbarton.....1:40 p. m.

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## THE INDEPENDENCE BELL.

### A Cherished Legend of Philadelphia, July 4, 1776.

When the declaration of Independence was adopted by Congress, the event was announced by ringing the old state house bell, which bore the inscription "Proclaim liberty throughout the land, to all the inhabitants thereof!" The old bellman stationed his little grandson at the door of the hall, to await the instructions of the doorkeeper when to ring. At the word the young patriot rushed out, and clapping his hands, shouted: "Ring! Ring! Ring!"

There was tumult in the city,
In the quaint old Quaker town,
And the streets were rife with people
Pacing restless up and down—
People gathering at the corners,
Where they whispered each to each
And the sweat stood on their temples
With the earnestness of speech.

As the bleak Atlantic currents
Lash the wild Newfoundland shore,
So they beat against the state house,
So they surged against the door;
And the mingling of their voices
Made a harmony profound,
Till the quiet street of Chestnut
Was all turbulent with sound.

"Will they do it?" "Dare they do it?"
"Who is speaking?" "What's the news?"
"What of Adams?" What of Sherman?'
"Oh, God grant they wont refuse!"
"Make some way there." Let me nearer"
"I am stifling!" Stifle then!
When a nation's life's at hazard,
We've no time to think og men!"

So they surged against the state house
While all solemnly inside
Sat the Continental Congress,
Truth and, reason for their guide,
O'er a simlpe scroll debating
Which, though simple it might be,
Yet should shake the cliffs of England
With the thunders of the free.

Far aloft in that high steeple
Sat the bellman, old and gray;
He was weary of the tyrant
And his iron-sceptered sway.
So he sat, with one hand ready
On the clapper of the bell,
When his eye should catch the signal
The long-expected news to tell.

See! See! The dense crowd quivers
Through all its lengthy line,
As the boy beside the portal
Hastens forth to give the sign!
With his little hands uplifted.
Breezes dallying with his hair,
Hark! with deep, clear intonation,
Breaks his young voice on the air:

Hushed the people's swelling murmur,
Whilst the boy cries joyously:
"Ring!" he shouts, "Ring! grandpa,
Ring! oh ring for Liberty!"
Quickly at the given signal
The old bellman lifts his hand,
Forth he sends the good news, making
Iron music through the land.

How they shouted! What rejoicing!
How the old bell shook the air,
Till the clang of freedom ruffled
The clamly gliding Delaware!
How the bonfires and the torches
Lighted up the night's repose.
And from flames, like fabled Phoenix,
Our glorious liberty arose!

That old state house bell is silent,
Hushed is now is clamorous tongue;
But the spirit it awakened.
Still is living—ever young;
And when we greet the smiling sunlight
On the Fourth of each July.
We will ne'er forget the bellman
Who, betwixt the earth and sky,
Rung out, loudly, "Independence!"
Which, please God, shall never die!

### Dance and Barbecue at Mission.

Tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon will be the scene of a barbecue and dance given by the proprietors of the Mission Inn, Mission San Jose. Fine music has been secured and a large crowd is expected to be present.

The last barbecue held under the auspices of the proprietors of the Mission Inn proved such a delightful occasion that they are planning to make the affairs a monthly occasion.

## HIGH SCHOOLS WILL GET COUNTY SUPPORT

### All property Will Now Pay Its Just Proportion of High School Tax.

One of the most far-reaching educational measures which received the signature of Governor Hiram W. Johnson was the county high school fund bill, advocated by the State Board of education. This law imposes a general county tax for part of the support of high schools, although still leaving the bulk of the expenses on the district. The law is one which long has been sought by school authorities who have realized the injustice of allowing part of the property of a county to practically escape taxation for high school purposes.

Up to the present time property outside of a high school district has paid no tax for the support of high schools, except tuition for such students outside the district as attended school. The tuition was based only on the maintenance or operating cost of high schools and took no account of the cost of buildings, equipment, improvements and interests, which has been borne by the district alone. This tuition tax is now abolished, but under the new law property outside of districts will pay about twice as much as it was paying although property outside will still pay three or four times as much as property outside. The taxation basis of the new measure is a levy on all property in a county sufficient to raise $60 per pupil of average daily attendance, and the general effect will be to reduce high school tax rates in two-thirds of the districts in the State. The measure will help particularly the small, struggling school because with the addition of a general county tax is a provision for paying, where just, transportation expenses, not exceeding $50 per month, for pupils living outside of high school districts and attending school.

The new law will tend generally to equalize taxation for high school purposes. Districts which have large valuations per pupil will contribute something to support of less wealthy districts. In Los Angeles county, for instance, one high school district has $106,000 of assessed valuation per pupil. A neighboring district has only $17,000 of assessed valuation per pupil. The tax rate in the wealthy district is only 12 cents, while the taxation in the other district is 75 cents. Under the proposed plan the tax rate in the wealthy district would be 18 cents, while the taxation in the other district would be 44 cents—an increase of 6 cents fo rthe wealth district and a decrease of 31 cents for the other.

The principle underlying this law already has been in operation in many California counties, where county high schools have been established—that is the high school district lines being made concomitant with the county—and these counties will not be acected, nor will Alpine and Mono counties which have no high schools of any description at present. The county-wide district consists of twenty counties, as follows:

Amador, Calaveras, Del Drte, El Dorado, Glenn, Kern, Lassen, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Monterey, Placer, Plumas, San Benito, San Francisco, Shasta, Siskiyou, Trinity and Tuolumne.

## SAPPHO TO BE SHOWN AT BELL THEATER

### Manager Barnard Announces Production of Four-Reel Masterpiece.

Manager John B. Barnard of the Bell Theater, Niles, announces that he has secured for Monday night's performance the great masterpiece, "Sappho."

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